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C O N F I D E N T I A L RABAT 6306

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR MO US

SUBJECT: KING HASSAN EXPRESSES INTEREST IN VISITING US

1. IN INTERVIEW WITH FRENCH "PRESS CLUB OF EUROPE NUMBER ONE"  
RELEASED NOV 21 PRIOR TO KING'S DEPARTURE FOR FRANCE  
FOLLOWING DAY, KING WAS ASKED BY PIERRI SALINGER FOR HIS  
ASSESSMENT OF US ELECTIONS AND OF PRESIDENT-ELECT AND WHETHER  
HE PLANNED TO VISIT US NEXT YEAR. INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF  
KING'S REPLY FOLLOWS: "MY TRIP TO THE UNITED STATES HAS CERTAINLY  
BEEN PROGRAMMED FOR A LONG TIME. I HOPE TO BE ABLE TO GO TO THE  
UNITED STATES NEXT YEAR. I DO NOT KNOW MR. CARTER AND IT WOULD  
BE DIFFICULT FOR ME TO EXPRESS A JUDGMENT ABOUT HIM. IF I HAVE  
AN OPINION TO EXPRESS IT IS THAT YOU SHOULD REALLY AMEND THE  
CONSITTUTION. THE PRESIDENT'S MANDATE IS TOO SHORT: ONE YEAR TO  
SETTLE IN, ONLY TWO YEARS TO GOVERN, AND ONE YEAR TO PREPARE  
ONCE AGAIN FOR THE ELECTIONS. I FIND THAT THIS IS TOO SHORT AND  
WHEN YOU THINK THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES HAS ON  
HIS SHOULDERS A NUCLEAR FORCE AND THE GREATEST ENERGY IN THE  
WORLD, TWO POTENTIALITIES, AND HE ONLY HAS TWO YEARS TO GOVERN,  
ASSESS, AND DECIDE, THAT IS TOO LITTLE. IF I WERE A CONGRESS-  
MAN I WOULD PROPOSE AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION."

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2. COMMENT: KING HAS OBVIOUSLY BEEN THINKING FOR SOME MONTHS ABOUT TRAVEL TO US. IN EARLY JULY, FOR EXAMPLE, HE TOLD ME HE LOOKED FORWARD TO VISITING THE US FOLLOWING THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS IN ORDER TO RENEW A HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUE BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES (RABAT 3703 NOTAL). A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF HIS CURRENT NOV 22-25 VISIT TO FRANCE WILL BE LIKELY TO ENCOURAGE FURTHER TRAVELS.  
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